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PUBLIC NOTICE:

MDA to Increase Mosquito Control Activities in Anne Arundel County

ANNAPOLIS, MD (July 7, 2016) – The Maryland Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with Anne Arundel County Department of Health will expand mosquito control services in Anne Arundel County due to a public health concern over possible mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile virus and Zika virus.

Mosquito control truck-based spraying will occur on Thursday, July 7, weather permitting, in the Cyprus Pointe community in Anne Arundel County.

Spraying will begin at or after 7:30 p.m. Any existing spray exemptions in the area will be temporarily suspended. People should avoid outdoor activities on spray nights. As a follow up, within approximately 24-48 hours of the spraying, state and local inspectors will go door-to-door in the area to inspect properties for mosquito breeding sites and will conduct backyard spraying, as needed, to further reduce adult mosquito populations.

Please cooperate with state and local officials who may be in your neighborhood working to protect public health. It is critical that Maryland residents continue to survey their properties and their communities and eliminate or treat mosquito breeding sites, which includes emptying all containers of water around the home and yard.

For more information, including: Frequently Asked Questions, 30-second videos on how to control mosquitoes around the home, tips on how to rid your community of mosquito breeding sites, and tips on how to avoid mosquito bites, visit: www.mda.maryland.gov/zika

All Marylanders are encouraged to follow the Department's new Twitter feed [@MdAgMosquito](https://twitter.com/MdAgMosquito) that will post unscheduled spray events and other timely information about mosquito control in Maryland.

For more information, call MDA's Mosquito Control Program at 410-841-5870 or the Anne Arundel County Department of Health at 410-222-7364.

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